

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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July 10, 2019
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Creating an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Future of Rock Haven

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven has experienced consistent management and staff turnover and shortages;
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors wishes to study the workplace climate culture,
5 and practices at Rock Haven Nursing home; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, since 2018 Rock Haven has received 18 federal citations resulting in \$42,330 in
8 forfeitures, and since 2014 has received a total of \$130,957 in forfeitures; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven currently receives 1 out of 5 stars for overall quality due to health
11 inspection results and quality measures on the federal government's Nursing Home Compare website
12 despite receiving 5 out of 5 stars for staffing levels; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, as part of its \$17 million annual budget, Rock County devotes more than \$4 million in
15 tax levy funding to operate Rock Haven, which represents operating losses; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Racine County Board of Supervisors voted to remove itself from the
18 Nursing Home business after a Racine County board task force recommended the sale of Ridgewood
19 Care Center; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors voted to sell Countryside Nursing
22 Home after constructing the facility in 2003 due to \$3.5 million in annual tax levy support needed for
23 operations; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, health care service providers that may purchase Rock Haven have the experience and
26 expertise to manage and recruit staff and maintain a consistent excellent care level.
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
29 assembled this 10th day of Oct., 2019, does hereby establish an Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of
30 Rock Haven to ~~consider whether Rock County should sell Rock Haven nursing home to be~~
31 completed in two phases. Phase I will review the workplace climate, culture, and practices at Rock
32 Haven Nursing Home. Phase II will consider the range of potential opportunities to improve services
33 to residents, which may include realigning current resources, collaborating with other organizations
34 in a regional or public-private model, transferring ownership, or other options as identified by the
35 Committee.
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock Haven Study Committee shall be provided
38 administrative support from the County Administrator and Human Resources Department as needed
39 and requested, and is further authorized to explore the retention of an external firm to assist with the
40 study of Rock Haven Nursing Home.
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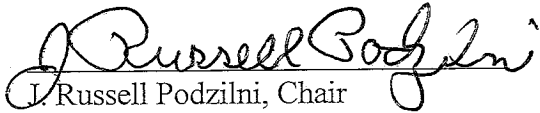
42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ad Hoc Committee shall be composed of seven members
43 to include one up to two members of the Health Service Committee ~~five County Board Supervisors~~
44 and two community members appointed by the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors.
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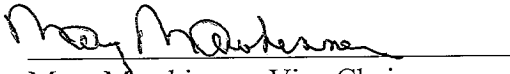
46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ad Hoc Committee will dissolve upon submission of a
47 report to the Rock County Board of Supervisors.

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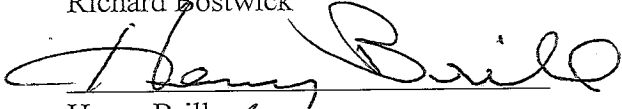
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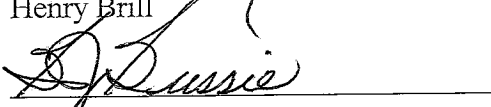
COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE


J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

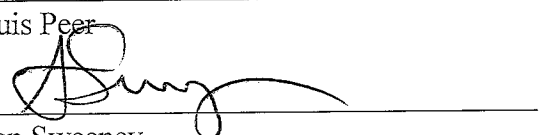

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair


Absent
Richard Bostwick


Henry Brill


Betty Jo Bussie




Alan Sweeney


Terry Thomas


Bob Yeomans

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

/s/ Brenton Driscoll
Brenton Driscoll, Chair

Vacant

/s/ Tom Brien
Tom Brien, Vice Chair

/s/ Kara Hawes
Kara Hawes

Absent
Kathy Schulz

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sections 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board rules.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

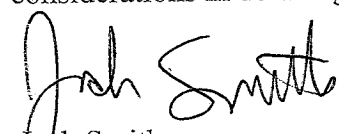
FISCAL NOTE:

Per County Board Rule IV-C, County Board Supervisors who are members of additional special, single purpose or ad hoc committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement. Citizen members of such committees shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement only.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Rock Haven serves an important role in our community, including by providing care to those who may not otherwise be able to afford it. At the same time, the County should be open to considering new ways of operating that take into account the best interests of County residents, effects on staff, and the use of the County's limited resources. The County Board must balance those two important considerations in deciding whether to proceed with this resolution.


Josh Smith
County Administrator